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And the Inhabitants of the

County of OXFORD,

FOR

Provisions for HIS MAJESTY'S

Horses Billited in this

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27. Decemb. 1642.

THe Gentlemen and Freeholders of this County, having been formerly moved to take into their consideration the Billeting and providing for the Kings Troopes of Horse, severally dispersed into severall parts of this County, how and in what places, and by what

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But by way of caution for the Kings benefit and chiefe, as well as for the saving of their own provisions; they did move, that there might be care taken, that the numbers might be completed in every Troop, and that neither they might be forced to provide for, nor the King to pay for, a greater number then in truth were there from time to time in the Kings service. That being admitted,

It was moved on the behalfe of the Country, to the end that this charge upon the whole Country might be equally laid, that the same court might be held in leavying of these monies, as hath been usually held in the leavying of other publique charges; and that to that purpose the Cleark of the Peace and such others as were best experienced therein, should attend the Lord chief Justice, and some other Gentlemen of the Country, to dispose of the levy in such equall portions; which was agreed unto on all parts. And it was also propounded and agreed unto, that the prices of Hay, Straw, Oates, and other Pro-
7^s by the
week for a
Horse.
3^s 6^d for a
Man.

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means they might best be provided for, with the least trouble or discommodation to the Country.

They met this day at Court Chamber before the Lords and others the Kings Commissioners; and after some debate with the Lords, and afterwards amongst themselves, the necessity of the service being considered, and the Kings resolution being declared unto them, that His Majesty would justly satisfy and pay unto them, what that weekly charge should amount unto, according to those proportions which had formerly been propounded.

They returned this answer unto the Kings Commissioners, That as many as were then presented for their own parts, and so much as concerned themselves agree, and did believe that those who were absent, would agree likewise, that they would at the generall charge of the County provide for such a number of Horse and Horse-men, as were expressed in the Votes delivered unto them, at such rates as should with equality be agreed upon.

But,

to be collected, shall be first collected by the Petty-Constables of every Parish for the Inhabitants, and by them be paid over to the High-Constables, and by them paid to such hands for the purposes aforesaid, as the King shall under His hand appoint. And it is farther agreed, that the Inhabitants of this County shall not be pressed to send in, or provide more or other sorts or quantity of provisions for the Horse in any part of this County, then they are in truth able to performe, leaving to themselves that proportion, which of necessity they must have for their own stock, to maintain their Husbandry. And lastly, it is agreed; that this County performing this with the King as aforesaid, they shall not be urged, to send in or contribute towards any Provisions for the maintenance of any other parts of His Majesties Army, quartered at *Wallingford, Abingdon, Reading,* or other places out of this County.

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tender and provisions for the purposes a-
 foresaid, should be indifferently set and a-
 greed upon, which being done, the Lords
 and others the Kings Commissioners did
 undertake to move the Kings Majesty, that
 He would be pleased upon a true account
 to repay these Monies, whatsoever they
 should amount unto, as soon as monies
 should come unto Him, either by the Con-
 tribution of other Counties, or otherwise;
 and in the mean time to secure the same
 unto the Country, in such a way, and by
 such reall and good security, as they should
 hold themselves well satisfied with; and
 when the repayment shall come, it is a-
 greed that it should be in the same propor-
 tions, to every severall Parish, and divisions
 in the County as it is disbursed; and to that
 purpose it is agreed, that such persons shall
 be trusted on the behalfe of the Country to
 receive the Kings security, and such to di-
 stribute the Mony upon the repayment, as
 any three of the Gentlemen now present
 being depund by the rest shall think fit.

It is further agreed, that the Monies thus